









THE APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES.

This topic has become quite a hardy annual amongst followers and players of football, for several seasons past we have listened to discourses on the subject, and have been told that it does not appear to be any nearer a satisfactory solution than of yore. The referee question thus we were half-dozen or more years ago. If we trace it through the list of gentlemen, who have been appointed to referee the various matches played in the English Cup ties we find a few new names cropping up now and again, but for the most part half-a-dozen manage the bulk of the matches whenever it is proposed to referee a game. It is not until we begin to approach the subject of favouritism: From what I have seen of the Association game during the past six or seven years, I am inclined to think that there are no referees who are not in some way or another connected with the game. I have seen and read references now officiating in what are known as first-class matches. In it not possible, I would surmise, to prevail upon some of our older players to turn out as referees—men like J. Scott, who was a referee in the early days of the game. The name of Mr. J. Bredie, who in his is still very near his international caps, but I do not, of course any of the others as old players of no mean fame we expect to see in the future. I may be wrong in my surmise, after all. But upon no point in football I feel more. It is with respect to the abuse of the rule relative to charging. Holding as I do that it is the duty of every player to take the full consequences of his own actions, and to receive punishment, or any sentence pronounced, without remission, or any appeal on the field, I still think it wrong

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